

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/626,803

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 14 February 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8,9,13,27,29 and 30.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Application History

1. This action is responsive to the applicant's submission of a Request For Continued Examination, submitted on 2/14/2005.
2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after a final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office Action (dated 8/9/2004) has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/13/2004 has been entered.
3. Applicant's amendment of 12/13/2004 has canceled claim 28; amended claims 27 and 29; and added claim 30.
4. Claims 8, 9, 13, 27, 29 and 30 are pending in the case, claim 27 is an independent claim.
5. The examiner's rejection of claim 28, made under 35 USC 102, is rendered moot in view of the canceling of this claim.
6. The examiner's rejection of claims 8, 9, 13, 27, 29, made under 35 USC 102, as being anticipated by Rossberg et al. US Patent 5,341,469 is withdrawn as necessitated by applicant's amendment of 12/13/2004.

Reasons for Allowance

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 27, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor suggests to a person of ordinary skill, at the time the invention was made, the claimed features of a computer-software-based method for creating a project specification library from stored drawing entities and the corresponding text and associated linking information, where one or more drawing entities in a first project are appended with linking information to a text block file.

The examiner has noted the use of trade names and other specific terms in the claim language. Applicant's specification and subsequent amendments provide sufficient support for the use of these trade names and specific terms. Specifically, the trade name MASTERSPEC, recited in claim 9 is fully described in the amendment filed 4/20/2004 on pages 4 and 5 as a standard used by the American Institute of Architects. Furthermore, terms used in the claims, i.e. "Drawing Entity", "Project Database" and Linking Software" are explicitly described in the "Definitions" section of the original filed disclosure on pages 6-7 and in the "Field of the Invention" section of the original filed disclosure on pages 1-4

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays,

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should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Vaughn whose telephone number is (571) 272-4131. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached at (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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